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Amendment to the Claims

1. (currently amended) A method for requesting approval for accessing a
5 resource in a system of resources, comprising the steps of:
performing an approval process, comprising the steps of:
creating a resource profile including at least one resource, wherein said
at least one resource has an owner;
a manager creating a job profile including at least one object
10 construction, said object construction representing a job function or functions;
said manager ~~requesting of~~ negotiating with said resource owner for
approval for access rights and privileges by said job profile to said at least one
resource;
responsive to said resource owner granting approval, assigning said
15 approved job profile to said resource profile such that any user ~~subsequently~~ at any
later point in time assigned to said approved job profile by said manager
automatically gains approval and access to said at least one resource included in
said resource profile[.].
performing an access process comprising the step of:
20 assigning at least one user to said approved job profile.
2. (original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said requesting step
automatically originates from said assigning step.
- 25 3. (original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said resource profile includes at
least one computing device.
4. (original) The method of Claim 3, wherein said resource profile includes at
least one software module.
- 30 5. (original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said job profile includes at least
one job.
6. (original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said job profile includes at least
35 one role.
7. (original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said job profile includes at least
one project.

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8. (original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said job profile includes at least one workgroup.
- 5 9. (original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said job profile includes at least one responsibility.
10. (currently amended) A method for authorizing and providing a user access to a resource in a system, comprising the steps of:
- 10 a manager only once assigning once a job profile managed by a manager to a resource profile, wherein said resource profile includes including a resource having an owner, wherein said resource profile has an owner, and wherein a request by said manager of said resource owner for access by said job profile to said resource is approved by said resource owner and access to said resource by said job profile is granted
- 15 said resource profile has been previously approved for access as a result of a negotiation between said manager and said resource owner; and
- whenever desired and at any later point in time, subsequently assigning a user to said approved assigned job profile that relates to said user, such that said user automatically gains approval for and access to said resource included in said
- 20 resource profile.
11. (canceled)
12. (previously presented) The method of Claim 10, further including granting an account to said user for accessing said approved resource.
- 25 13. (previously presented) The method of Claim 12, wherein said account is automatically provided following said assigning said user to said approved job profile.
- 30 14. (original) The method of Claim 10, wherein said resource profile includes at least one computing device.
15. (original) The method of Claim 10, wherein said resource profile includes at least one application software.
- 35 16. (original) The method of Claim 10, wherein said job profile includes at least one job.

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17. (original) The method of Claim 10, wherein said job profile includes at least one role.
- 5 18. (original) The method of Claim 10, wherein said job profile includes at least one project.
19. (original) The method of Claim 10, wherein said job profile includes at least one workgroup.
- 10 20. (currently amended) A method of approving access to a resource profile in a system, comprising the steps of:
a resource owner of a resource of a resource profile ~~receiving by negotiating with a manager of a job profile a request for said job profile to obtain rights and~~
15 privileges to access said resource profile;
~~said resource owner evaluating said request; and~~
said resource owner deciding once at one point in time to grant access rights and privileges approval, such wherein said decision includes that if access once
20 approval is granted, future user accesses to said resource profile by members of said approved job profile do not need to request approval of said resource owner requiring performing again said step of negotiating to obtain access rights and privileges to said resource profile.
21. (original) The method of Claim 20, wherein said deciding step includes
25 restricting said resource profile to be accessed by a certain job profile.
22. (currently amended) A system for accessing computing resources, comprising:
at least one user terminal;
at least one database including at least one application software;
30 at least one computing device;
means for creating a resource profile including said at least one database and said at least one application software, wherein said resource profile has at least one owner;
means for creating a job profile managed by a manager and related to at least
35 one user;
means for assigning said resource profile to said job profile;

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means for said manager at one point in time requesting of said at least one resource owner access rights and privileges to said resource profile by said job profile;

5 means for said at least one resource owner negotiating with said manager based on said manager's request to approving approve only once for said job profile to have access rights and privileges to said resource profile; and

10 means for ~~providing~~ any member subsequently at any later point in time assigned to said approved job profile automatically gains gaining access to at least one resource included in said resource profile.

23. (original) The computer system of Claim 22, further implemented on a network environment.

15 24. (original) The computer system of Claim 23, wherein said network environment further comprising Internet.

20 25. (currently amended) The method of ~~Claim 4~~ Claim 22, wherein at least one of said resource profile, said computing device, and said software module is owned by various resource owners.

26. (currently amended) A method for building a resource profile, comprising the steps of:

25 determining whether a plurality of resources may be grouped together in a resource profile, wherein said resource profile has a resource owner; and

grouping said plurality of resources in said resource profile if such grouping is allowed, such that if ~~access approval for resource profile access rights and privileges is granted once to a job profile managed by a manager is granted once as a result of a negotiation between by a said resource owner and said manager to a job profile managed by a manager for said resource profile, any~~ future accesses by any member of said authorized approved job profile of said resource profile do not need ~~access to obtain said approval.~~

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27. (original) The method of claim 26, wherein said determining step further includes checking against an exclusion rule.

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28. (previously presented) The method of claim 27, further including:
indicating that said resource profile may not be built if said grouping is not allowed under said exclusion rule.

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29. (currently amended) A method for assigning a job profile to a resource profile, comprising the steps of:

- 5 determining whether a job profile may be assigned to a resource profile; and
 based on performing an approval process comprising the step of one time assigning
 said job profile to said resource profile if such assignment is requested by a manager
 of said job profile and allowed by a resource owner of said resource profile as a
 result of a negotiation between said manager and said resource owner, such that at
10 a later point in time and during an access process, a user subsequently is assigned
 to said approved job profile by said manager and gains automatic approval for
 accessing said resource profile.

30. (currently amended) The method of ~~claim 26~~, Claim 29, wherein said
determining step further includes checking against an exclusion rule.

31. (currently amended) The method of ~~claim 27~~, Claim 30, further including:
indicating that said job profile may not be assigned to said resource profile if
said assignment is not allowed under said exclusion rule.

32. (currently amended) A computer readable medium embodying a method for
requesting approval for accessing a resource in a system of resources, said method
comprising the steps of:

performing an approval process, comprising the steps of:

 creating a resource profile including at least one resource, wherein said
25 at least one resource has an owner;

 a manager creating a job profile including at least one object
construction, said object construction representing a job function or functions;

 said manager ~~requesting of~~ negotiating with said resource owner for
approval for access rights and privileges by said job profile to said at least one
30 resource;

 responsive to said resource owner granting approval, assigning said
approved job profile to said resource profile such that any user subsequently at any
 later point in time assigned to said approved job profile by said manager
automatically gains approval and access to said at least one resource included in
35 said resource profile[.].

performing an access process comprising the step of:

assigning at least one user to said approved job profile.